Claims

I claim:

1.   A method for use in a network system comprising:
storing at a host computer profile information
relating to individual users of the host computer, the
profile information for a first user and a second user
identifying host applications that the first user and the
second user, respectively, are permitted to execute,
in response to a request from the first user
identifying a list of one or more applications that the first
user is permitted to execute, storing the list in the profile
of the second user, whereby the second user is permitted to
execute the applications in the list under control of the
first user.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the host computer executes
any version of the HTTP protocol.

3. The method of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein an application
in the list when executed performs a service from the second
user to the first user.

4. The method of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the storing step
further comprises storing in the profile of the second user

attributes that affect the execution of an application in the list.

5.   A host computer for use in a network system comprising:

Means for storing profile information relating to individual users of the host computer, the profile information for a first user and a second user identifying host applications that the first user and the second user, respectively, are permitted to execute,

Means responsive to a request from the first user identifying a list of one or more applications that the first user is permitted to execute for storing the list in the profile of the second user, whereby the second user is permitted to execute the applications in the list under control of the first user.

6. The host computer of claim 5 further comprising means for executing an HTTP protocol.

7. The host computer of claim 5 or claim 6 wherein an application in the list comprises means for performing a service from the second user to the first user.

8. The host computer of claim 5 or claim 6 wherein the storing means further comprises second means for storing in the profile of the second user attributes that affect the execution of an application in the list.

9.   A computer product for storing a computer software
program, which when loaded into a computer and executed,
causes the computer to perform a method comprising:

storing at a host computer profile information
relating to individual users of the host computer, the
profile information for a first user and a second user
identifying host applications that the first user and the
second user, respectively, are permitted to execute,

in response to a request from the first user
identifying a list of one or more applications that the first
user is permitted to execute, storing the list in the profile
of the second user, whereby the second user is permitted to
execute the applications in the list under control of the
first user.

10. The computer product of claim 9 wherein an application
in the list when executed by the computer performs a service
from the second user to the first user.

11. The computer product of claim 9 or claim 10 wherein the
storing step further comprises storing in the profile of the
second user attributes that affect the execution of an
application in the list.

12.   A carrier wave containing a computer software
program, which when received and executed by a computer,
causes the computer to perform a method comprising:

storing at a host computer profile information

relating to individual users of the host computer, the profile information for a first user and a second user identifying host applications that the first user and the second user, respectively, are permitted to execute,

in response to a request from the first user identifying a list of one or more applications that the first user is permitted to execute, storing the list in the profile of the second user, whereby the second user is permitted to execute the applications in the list under control of the first user.

13. The computer product of claim 12 wherein an application in the list when executed by the computer performs a service from the second user to the first user.

14. The computer product of claim 12 or claim 13 wherein the storing step further comprises storing in the profile of the second user attributes that affect the execution of an application in the list.

15. A network server sending data for a Web page in response to a request from a computer terminal connected to the server through a network, comprising:

a profile information store for storing profile information including basic attributes set by a first user for his or her own use and related attributes set by another user for letting the first user use the related attributes;

a profile information reader for reading in the profile information for a user in response to a request from

the user; and

a Web page constructor for constructing data for the Web page based on the profile information read in by said profile information reader.

16.   A network server according to claim 15, further comprising an application selector for selecting a predetermined application necessary to construct the data for the Web page based on the related attributes read in by said profile information reading part.

17.   A network server according to claim 15 wherein the related attributes include information related to applications which the another user has given the first user permission to use, and property information referenced upon using the applications.

18.   A network server according to claim 15 wherein said profile information reader merges the basic attributes with the related attributes concerning a user as the request source and reads in the merged attribute information each time the request is made.